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TUAPSE

1. In Tuapse there was a shipyard in which there were some merchant ships, apparently under suspended construction. At a small shipyard there were two American-type MTB's on a slipway. They were triple screwed, had no torpedoes, and were armed only with machine guns. Two short-range submarines, which left the port during nighttime, were berthed at the naval quay. The port was well guarded by patrol vessels which cruised in the waters just off the port. Searchlight stations were located along the shore at about five mile intervals. Inside the harbor, small, silent, and speedy motor boats patrolled.
2. ship was guarded on all sides by armed military personnel. Freedom of movement was extended to all members of the crew who had recent photos on their seamen's papers. The inspection of the ship upon arrival was not fastidious. The inspection party, which consisted of three police, three customs officials, a maritime health officer, and an Inflat agent, conducted only an accurate check of seamen's papers. The radio transmitter, cameras, and personal firearms, were sealed; foreign currency was counted. Currency was again checked upon departure.
3. The population was more curious than unfriendly. The girls with whom the seamen had fun ashore, knew a little English, but, were careful to speak a few words of Russian when others were within earshot. From conversations with individuals, impression that the people were not satisfied with the regime, but conversations with more than one person left the impression that all was well. Women were employed even at heavy tasks such as road and railroad construction, truck loading, etc. One of the dockworkers was a woman. The people, in general, were poorly dressed. High officials and their families were decently dressed. Everyone accepted cigarettes;

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many asked for them. Seamen from [] steamer went ashore wearing all sorts of clothing and returned with only what was necessary. A second-hand woolen sweater sold for 400 rubles.

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NOVOROSIYSK

4. Novorossiysk is a regular port of call for passenger steamers, including the two former Polish ships IAGELLO and SOBRIESKY [] When [] ship arrived in Novorossiysk, a former warship of the ORSA Class [] put to sea. Moored in the port, was a naval target with various components. Amid these, atop the masts, was a square metal net, the sides of which were about 1.5 meters long. On the quay, there were torpedo nets wound on buoys.
5. To the right of the port, was a cement factory which operated continuously.
6. The crew was invited to play football with the crew of a [] ship. Because of the bad weather, the crew did not take advantage of the freedom of movement permitted them. The conditions in Novorossiysk were much the same as in Tuapse.

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